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Established in 1959 in our 52nd year and

still rackin'!

The Opal is published January thru May; September thru November

Next Club Meeting

Friday, March 25, 2011 8 pm, doors open at 7:00 The Abbey 407 W. St Charles Rd Elmhurst, IL 60126

Next Board Meeting
Fri., April 1, 2011
meeting starts at 7:00 pm
Wagner Center
615 Northwest Ave
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Meetings are usually held the 4th Friday of the month, January thru May, Sept thru November. Please check The Opal for changes.

## West Suburban Lapidary Club Membership Info

Membership in WSLC is \$17 per year, household/family. per memberships Student are available for \$10. Students are identified as 22 years of age and younger and currently enrolled in an accredited school and have a valid school I.D. Dues are payable by January 31st for that calendar year regardless of the date you joined. Please submit a completed application for Board Approval

to the WSLC Treasurer, Karen Davé.

This is to be done at any General Meeting. Applications will not be accepted via mail or at a WSLC function other than a meeting.

Visitors are welcome at all General Meetings. Members of the WSLC are expected to serve on various committee's and volunteer their time where needed. Applications may be found on the WSLC website (see pg 2)

First Class Dated Material

Members of the WSLC receive in district rates with the Elmhurst Park District for classes taken at the Lapidary School, regardless of their residence. Contact information for all Board Members are located on page 2 of The Opal

## WEST SUBURBAN LAPIDARY CLUB A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Mission Statement:

To foster the development of the lapidary arts and the jewelry craftsman's and to increase public interest in handcrafted gems, jewelry, and their materials

Regular meetings of the West Suburban Lapidary Club are held on the fourth Friday of the month at 8 p.m. with the exception of June, July, August & December at The Abbey, 407 W. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst, Illinois. Parking in the East and West parking lots. Visitors are welcome. Board meetings are held as announced in The OPAL. Annual member ship dues are \$17 per household/family. Dues are due January 1, delinquent January 31.

President Joanne Samuel
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(shared position)

OPAL Editor Pat Koko

MWF Liaison Lee Herrera

Board Member (3rd of 3 year term) Rich Dillon

Board Member (2nd of 3 year term) Mary Prosek

Board Member (1st of 3 year term) Jose Ponce'

Past President Open

## Committee Chairpersons

CGMA Delegate: Hospitality: Silent Auction/Club Show:

Rich Dillon Ed Gallagher to be announced

CGMA Alternate:

Mark Gordon & Debbie Ballot

Kitchen Supplies:

The OPAL:

Pat Koko

Pat Koko

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Gem of the Month:
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Karen Dave'

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Lee Herrera

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## Established in 1959

## Rockin' into our 52nd year



## MARCH PROGRAM "Hands-on Wire

## Project"

Our President, Joanne, will teach and direct members in a hands-on wire project.

Everyone should be able to leave with a pair of earrings for self or as a gift.

Bring: Round Nose and Flat Nose Pliers and Side Cutter

## President's Message - by Joanne Samuel



Hi everyone!

Spring is just around the corner, which means field trips and gem and mineral shows are going to be starting. Please let everyone know if there are any good places to go. This would include hounding site, shows and exhibits. If anyone had any idea on

good field trips for the club let a board member know.

Before I start, I would like to thank everyone who came out for our February meeting. The presentation was great. I always love watching Scott Sucher at work. It is always amazing to think about how stones were faceted in the past.

The presentation for March is hopefully as interesting. I will be teaching a hand's on wire wrap project. So bring your pliers (round nose, flat nose and side cutter) and come ready to learn something fun. Everyone is going to be able to make a nice pair

of earrings.

The stone for the month for March is Peridot. The Peridot is a perfect stone for the month since we should be seeing more green than white now, a nice symbol for spring. Remember to bring or wear your Peridot jewelry to the meeting.

Before I end, I would like to stress that it is very important that we get a secretary for the board. We are allowing the position to be a shared by two members. If a secretary is not found we will be picking one club member each month to take the minutes during the general meetings.

It cannot be overstressed that while the Club Board members provide much of the planning and organization of these events for your enjoyment, none of it would be possible without the participation of the club members as a whole group. If you have any special skills, knowledge, resources or even just some spare time to volunteer, please contact a board member and let us know.

Happy Creating! - Joanne

## "STONE" OF THE MONTH \*\*\*PERIDOT\*\*\*\*



In honor of St. Patrick's Day and showing our "Stone of the Month" [Google images from Claddagh-rings.com

Peridot is a wonderful greenish stone for usually a reasonable price. And, even better, a large supply is mined in the USA, namely Arizona. While Arizona supplies the majority of Peridot, other [Google images from cryslocations include Burma and Pakistan. Burma tal-cure.com has traditionally been considered to have the

Because of the modest cost of Peridot, it is best color of green.

not typically enhanced or treated, nor created

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Howevers.com] could be colored glass.



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# SOUMMER PICNIC

Lorel and Gary Abrell have graciously agreed to host our WSLC Summer gathering at their home in Morris, IL.

## **AUGUST 14th 2011**

Think about what you'd like to bring but Lorel will coordinate the menu so we have enough of each item and no duplicates.

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Minutes of the General Meeting, February 25, 2011—by Mary Prosek

Joanne Samuel called the meeting to order at 8:07 pm.

*Minutes:* January general meeting minutes were considered. Mary Prosek moved that all minutes be approved. Lee Herrera seconded the motion. Motion passed.

*Treasurer's Report:* No report. There were 37 members and two guest registered for the meeting. Dee Dee and Robert.

*Gem of the month:* Rob Simon brought a large Citrine specimen and Lee Herrera brought several small ones. Several members wore citrine jewelry.

*School status:* Classes for the 5-week winter classes started. Everything is going good. Silver classes on Mondays, Cut/Polish on Tuesdays, and Wire wrap on Wednesdays. Members are reminded that they get the Resident rate with membership card. Class details are on Elmhurst Park

*MWF Report:* MWF newsletter contained details about the all American club award. The federation is looking for members that are interested in mentoring about mineral collecting. It is a great way to keep the hobby growing. There was also a nice article about fishing for fossils in Wyoming. The MWF asks all groups to send fliers of their Gem and Mineral shows to them for publication.

ANNOUNCEMENT --- THE WEST SUBURBAN LAPI-DARY CLUB NEEDS ONE OR TWO SECRETARY(IES). This position is CRITICAL to the business of our club and we need some person(s) to step up and take the role.

# Help Wanted! Great benefits! YOUR BOARD NEEDS A SECRETARY

## **CAN YOU VOLUNTEER ???**

SECRETARY— requires attendance at the Board and General meetings. The secretary takes minutes at the meetings (including a write-up of the program) for publication in the Opal, and handles club correspondence. This position can be



shared by two people coordinating together.

Members are encouraged to apply regardless of how long you've been in the club or previous experience. A great attitude and positive outlook is all that is needed. Be a part of the decision making and direction the WSLC will take in 2011 and make new friends at the same time!

Board meetings are generally the first Friday of each month that there are regular meetings, with the exceptions of holidays. The meetings take place in the evening at the Wagner Center, which is located north of The Abbey near Lake Street.

Be a part of the excitement that goes with planning club activities and events!

Please contact WSLC President Joanne Samuel with any questions you may have.

The presentation for the month was on the Hope Diamond. It is always amazing to see how stones were cut back in the day.

The March and April teams were announced so they can start planning for their months.

Don Cronauer made an announcement about the ESCONI Show which is on March 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Also stated that there is a Orland Park show on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned.

## Minutes of the February 4, 2011 Board Meeting - by

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Those in attendance included: Karen Davé, José Ponce, Ed Gallagher, Lee Herrera, Rich Dillon, Mary Prosek, Joanne Samuel, Don Shore & Pat Koko

Minutes: approval of prior meeting minutes as published in The Opal were made by Karen Dave & Jose Ponce

## Reports:

Treasurer: one was not available for the meeting

Midwest Federation: Liaison Lee Herrera reported that the MWF Newsletter included information about the American Club Award, hunting for fossils in Wyoming and tips on being a mentor.

Opal Editor: Nothing new to report. Members are encouraged to contribute stories and book review

Webmaster: Nothing new to report

## Previous Business:

General Meeting Review: Everyone agreed the meeting went well. The program presented by Carl Housman was well received and an excellent account of his first time/first hand experience at Quartzsite, Arizona.

Transition of new officers and Board Members: the Treasurer transition has gone smoothly. The audit and budget was completely in a timely manner. No discrepancies or irregularities were found

Constitution completion: This is slated to be completed by September 2011

## New Business:

General Meeting Info: Donations of tools, rock, specimens, etc are needed for the mini-silent auctions held at each general meeting. If there are multi-media needed for your presentation, kindly let the Vice-President know so arrangements can be made

CGMA: Alternate delegates Mark Gordon and Debby Ballott (pronounced "Ballo" á la française) were appointed by President Joanne Samuel in the event that Rich and Linda Dillon can not attend the meetings. The CGMA Show will be held Memorial Day weekend at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed for set up and take down.

Upcoming 2011 Events: Art in the Park will be held the weekend of April 30/May 1. The club will have a table

at this year's events. Another *Demo Day* will be held in October 2011. *Graue Mill* is also on the agenda during the summer months. *A WSLC Summer Picnic* will also be held at the Abrell's. More details on all of these events will be forthcoming.

School Status: Karen Davé reported that all 3 classes were set to run for a 5 week Winter Session, followed by the usual 10 week Spring Session. The offerings are Silversmithing, Cab Cutting/Lapidary, and Wirewrapping

New member: Vikki Peterson was unanimously voted in as a new member

New Ideas: Everyone agreed the club could better use the social network, Facebook as a means to communicate and draw new members. Joanne offered to work on this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

## Program Review February 25, 2011 • by Pat Koko

Was it or wasn't it? That was the question of the experts world-wide. Did someone recut the famous stolen French Bleu Diamond that was part of Louis XIV's Order of the Golden Fleece? The diamond known as the "Hope Diamond" has been creating a legend of it's own for years.

So.....is the "Hope Diamond" really what was the "French Bleu?"

Our club friend, Scott Sucher, was eventually called on and worked for many months with the best available information from books and drawings.

Then...someone found a lead replica of the diamond. With that item in hand and the help of a cleverly designed computer program, he was able to overlay the plots of both the "French Bleu" and "Hope Diamond" and making it very clear the second one was most certainly cut from the former.

Scott made CZ replicas of each one so they could be displayed side-by-side. It made for a fascinating story that was told by the National Geographic and was shared at our meeting.



## MID WEST FEDERATION REPORT — by Lee Herrera

#### COBALTITE

by Dave Hess, written for the January 2011 issue of *Rock Chatter*, the newsletter for the West Central Illinois Rock and Mineral Club of Macomb, IL

Cobaltite is a metallic silver-white to steel-gray and weathers to gray, sometimes with a reddish or violet tinge. The streak (powder) is gray-black, hardness is 5 ½, specific gravity about 6.3 (heavy), is brittle, has one direction of perfect cleavage and striations are common on the crystals. The crystal system is isometric with cubes and pyritohedrons most common, but octahedrons and cubo-octahedrons also occur. It has the pyrite structure, but X-ray diffraction studies show a less symmetrical tetartoidal structure, which, however is almost never expressed. Others suggest that it actually has an orthorhombic crystal system lattice, pseudomorphous after a higher temperature isometric form. It can be confused with arsenopyrite and skutterudite (smaltite), but it is harder, and these have a different crystal system from cobaltite, as does marcasite, with which it also could be confused. Pyrite, with similar crystals, is a light brassy-yellow in color.

The whole article is available at the MWF web site

#### **CRYSTAL SHAPE**

When a mineral forms crystals, the crystals have certain shapes that remain approximately the same whether they are found in Africa or Arizona. This is because each mineral is made up of microscopic atoms that stick together in a special pattern to make a consistent shape you can see. Think of the atoms as the skeleton of the mineral. These special shapes can be put together in 6 families (crystal systems). Sometimes "hexagonal" is divided into "hexagonal" and "trigonal", making 7 families. Here is a list of the 6 families or systems and common minerals with each family shape.

Recognizing the crystal system can be hard sometimes because the crystal form may be damaged, growing on another one (twinning), or be a variation of the regular one. For example: a cube like this may have the corners missing.

Just like a family has different people who look somewhat alike, but also look different from one another, so each crystal system or family has variations of the usual form. As you learn about minerals, you will learn to tell which family a shape belongs to.

The crystal shape of an unknown mineral helps you narrow down the choices of what it is. For example, if it is cubic, you know it cannot be something with six sides (hexagonal). So you won't need to check to see if the cubic mineral is quartz because quartz is hexagonal.

Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society, Oroville, CA is pleased to announce the

### **Third Annual World Rock Tumbling Championship**

It's time to challenge the champions! The Third Annual Rock Tumbling contest is open to everyone, any age, worldwide, who enjoys tumbling rocks and wants a shot at being the best in the world.

## Get your 2011 Application Form at the website www.orovillerocks.com)

Please mail applications with a check or money order by May 6th to: FRLMS Contest Headquarters, PO Box 2645, Oroville CA 95965

#### RATTLESNAKE SAFETY

Excerpt of article written by Peter Kilkus for The Lake Berryessa News and published in part in the CFMS newsletter (http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/062310rattlesnake%2 0story.htm).

#### Do's and Don'ts in snake country

Be aware that startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively. There are several safety measures that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of startling a rattlesnake.

Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas. Wear hiking boots. When hiking, stick to well-used trails and wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants. Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day. Don't move planks, rocks or logs by hand use a stick or crowbar until you can see under it. Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. Don't reach into holes in the ground, rocks or trees, woodpiles, even abandoned buckets and tires.

Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.

Never grab "sticks" or "branches" while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.

Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side. When you hear a rattle, freeze until you identify where the sound is coming from; you don't want to accidentally step on it when trying to flee. Once you have spotted it, give it time to move away. If it doesn't move slowly straight away from it; don't walk to one side or the other as that could be perceived as threatening. Look behind you before you start to walk backwards - you don't want to trip over a rock, or another snake.

Don't handle a dead or injured snake. Dead snakes may not really be dead. Muscle contractions can still cause wounds, even when handling the decapitated head of a rattler.



## WEST SUBURBAN LAPIDARY CLUB TEAM LIST - MARCH AND APRIL, 2011

**Team Duties:** Our programs are a team effort. We depend on and need each other's help to make them work. Each month's team, as listed below, is responsible for the meeting set-up, program, refreshments, and takedown. Out-of-state and honorary members are requested to contribute to any team.

*Meeting Set-Up/Take-Down:* The team members should arrive early on their program day to help set-up the chairs and tables. They also need to remain after the meeting to clean up and put everything away.

**Program**: Each team should meet during the two club meetings prior to their program date and plan a program. A team leader will be elected to chair the team meetings during which everyone on the team will contribute ideas for a program. The team leader is not expected to do the program; only coordinate it. The Vice-President will meet each team to confirm and approve the program. If the team is unable to formulate a program, the Vice-President should be consulted as soon as possible. A member from each team is asked to assist Past President, TBD, our Hospitality chair, at the entrance to greet members & guests.

**Refreshments:** The refreshments will be discussed at the team meeting and each team member will contribute an item. Any team member who cannot attend the team's program should arrange to send a refreshment or donation of money (that will be used to purchase an item). All team members should lend a hand in the kitchen. Serving dishes and utensils will be provided by the team members.

April – Opal	May - Topaz
Backus, Lyle & Lucy	Dave', Karen
Davis, Clete	Dillon, Rich & Linda
Flynn, Tom	Freeman, Barb
Keeley, John & judy	Pavesich, Paul & Ruth
Netecke, Bill	Maher, Jack & Lorraine
Norton, Betty	Reisner, Virginia
O'Connell, Chuck & Mar-	Roman, Mark & Ianna
Salajka, Kory	Peterso;n, Vikki
Shannon, Tony & Jill Quas	Zimmerman, Thea
Wharton, Donald	

## Board and Club dates for 2011 ——

Board Meets: Club Meets: March 11<sup>th</sup> March 25<sup>th</sup>

April 8<sup>th</sup> April 29<sup>th</sup> (5th Fri)

 $\begin{array}{cc} \text{May } 6^{\text{th}} & \text{May } 20^{\text{th}} \text{ (3rd Fri)} \\ & \text{May } 28\text{-}29 - \text{CGMA Show} \end{array}$ 

**Summer Event** TBD

September 9 September 23

October 7 October 28

October 29 - DEMO DAY

November 4 Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Fri)

November 19 LIZZADRO DAY

**December 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** 

## **SILENT AUCTION**

As you know, we hold a silent auction at every meeting.

The items that appear each month don't just "appear". We rely on our members to donate the items.

If you have something you feel might be an interesting auction item...please talk to Karen or Jose at any meeting. THANKS!

## **NEW MEMBER**

We welcome new members—

## **DEE DEE VANDERBARK**

Warm welcome to all new members and we hope you will volunteer for one or more of the many duties that make participation in WSLC more fun! You will be assigned to your team soon.

## Just a note to help us plan ahead....

STONES/ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTHS AHEAD thanks to

Barb Freeman.

MARCH— Peridot interesting stone

**APRIL**—Tigereye

Grrrr—-and Tiger Iron

MAY—Crystals and the shape of beads (hmmm, round, ....)

SEPTEMBER—Arrowheads this can be really cool

OCTOBER—Steampunk, pendants and cabs—ideas abound

NOVEMBER—Sodalite

many shades of blue.

Members are encouraged to bring examples of each Stone of the Month to the General Meeting.

## FOR SALE

Chuck O'Connell wants to sell the following:

Lortone 16" power feed slab saw 3

0 L x 32 W x 22 H and

Beacon Star 18" Vibrating Lap with 3 each pans Call Chuck at 708-349-2520

"For sale" advertisements are offered at no charge to WSLC members (a policy for the frequency and size of ads will be decided by the Board soon), space permitting. The Opal will not knowingly print or accept "For Sale" ads from dealers or business owners. The WSLC cannot confirm the condition or price of any merchandise offered. All transactions must be handled directly between the seller and buyer

## SCHOOL!!

ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT IN CONJUNCTION WITH WEST SUBURBAN

LAPIDARY CLUB offers several classes.

Classes begin again March 28th.

Please see the Elmhurst Park District website for full details.

**Classes will include:** 

Monday—Silver Work,

Tuesday—Cutting/Polishing,

Wednesday — Wire Wrap.

All members of West Suburban Lapidary Club are eligible for "in-district" tuition.

You do need a membership card available from the treasurer.

https://secure.epd.org/registration/brochidxreg fs.asp

BUT YOU NEED TO SIGN UP SOON FOR THIS ROUND OF CLASSES!

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## **BENCH TIPS by Brad Smith**

From "The Pick and Dop Stick" Newsletter by Chicago Rocks and Minerals Society.....

#### **BURNISHING BEZELS**

A dapping ball can sometimes be used to burnish a bezel. I noticed this when setting some 8 x 10 cabs on a piece of filigree. It was difficult to get enough pressure with a regular burnisher, so I tried a dapping ball and found it much easier. Make sure the ball is well polished (hit it with the Zam wheel) and let it ride along the base of your piece. Select a ball big enough to hit the top of the bezel at the right angle to burnish it down onto the stone.

### SUPER PICKLE

We've all made the mistake of putting some steel in the pick-le pot. This can cause all your pieces to be coated with copper. The easiest way I've found to clean it off is to fill half a coffee cup with the pickle and put in an ounce or tow of hydrogen peroxide from the drug store. Throw your pieces in and the coating is gone in about 10 minutes. When finished, pour the solution back into your pickle pot.

Groups.yahoo.com/group/bench tips or on Facebook

## Peridot

Cont'd from page 3.

Historically, Peridot was used by the Egyptians as early as 1500 BC and was considered a gem of the sun, bringing enlightenment and wisdom. Peridot is also mentioned in the Bible. The French first called the green-yellow stone Peridot in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It is



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said that Napoleon gave a Peridot ring to Josephine as a testament to his undying love.



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Peridot ranges in color from light yellow-green to olive green. The more pure the green is, the higher the value. The green color comes from a 10-15% iron. However, Peridot is a difficult gemstone to polish. There are often inclusions that include veils that look like a milky white rib-

bon. The hardness is to amethyst and tanzanite. The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. has the largest cut Peridot at 310 carats. The usual American Peridot is 3 carats or less.

It is noted that the birthstone for August is Peridot. Also, it is designated for the 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It is a symbol of friendliness, purity and simplicity. Additionally, the stone is considered to offer protection from negative energy.

Cleaning with warm mild soapy water is recommended. Ultrasonic or steam cleaner is not recommended. If you have Peridot, enjoy the great color and compliments from others.



Sources:

Beginners Guide website Arizona Peridot website About.com Google Images [foreverjewelers.com]

Submitted by: Barb Freeman



## LIZZADRO MUSEUM OF LAPIDARY ARTS

Runs regular programs on Sundays and several special events...check their website.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art.

220 Cottage Hill Ave. Elmhurst, Illinois

630.833.1616 www.lizzadromuseum.org

## SHOWS AND EVENTS

#### **APRIL**

**1-3: MAPS** Fossil Exposition XXXIII. Western Hall Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. Fr: 8-5, Sa: 8 -5, Su: 8-noon.

**9-10: CANTON, IL.** Fulton County Rockhounders Annual Show; Wallace Park Building, South Ave. D; CONTACT: George Coursey, courseyfarms@gmail.com, 309-368-2947.

**9-10: DES PLAINES, IL** Annual Show. Des Plaines Park District Leisure Center, 2222 Birch St., Des Plaines, IL. Admission: \$3 adults, \$2 seniors, \$1 students and children under 12 free with paying adult. Contact: Lois Zima (847) 298-4653.

**9-10:Waukesha, WI.** Kettle Moraine Geological Society Show, Waukesha County Expo Center, 1000 Northview Rd. (exit 294 from I 94). Sa: 10-5 and Su: 10-4.

**16-17: EAU CLAIRE, WI.** Chippewa Valley's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show; Eau Claire County Expo Center, Lorch Avenue (Near the corner of Hwy 93 and I-94); Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; CONTACT: Michael Schoenfuss, Show Chairman, (715) 456-0664; msrocks2@charterinternet.com.

**22-23:**Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show at the Macon County Fair Grounds, 3700 N. Westlawn Av., Decatur, IL. Admission is \$5 adults, \$2 seniors, kids 15 and under free. Free parking.

September 9-10—MWF Convention in Toledo, OH.





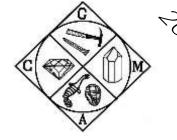
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Chicagoland Gem and Mineral Association,
and Scribe





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CGMA

(Chicagoland Gems & Minerals Association)

For More Information: BEADS - CRYSTALS - GEMS JEWELRY - FOSSILS - MINERALS



# Save The Date!

## **Memorial Day Weekend**

Saturday, May 28, 2011 10 AM - 6 PM Sunday, May 29, 2011 10 AM - 5 PM

**Dupage County Fairgrounds** 2015 W. Manchester Road Wheaton, IL

20+ Nationally Known Dealers:

**Demonstrations:** 

**Exhibits:** 

Silent Auctions:

**Children's Activities:** 

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